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The SAC Plant in Larna was ordered by the Soviet Control Commission in Karlsruhe to process crude oil imported chiefly from Austria. A production increase of 10 percent is to be achieved by these imports. 1

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Comment. The SAS Plant in Leuna concluded a contract with the Soviet Administration in Zistersdorf for the supply of masut from Zistersdorf to the Leuna Hydrogenation Plant during 1951 and 1952. These masut supplies replaced the brown coal tar which was hydrogenated into gasoline until 1951. The use of masut as raw material for hydrogenation explains the reported production increase of 10 percent. However, the masut supplies from Zistersdorf will allegedly end in late 1952, since an extraordinarily large surplus of brown coal tar has developed in the Soviet Zone in the meantime.

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